

March 24, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

First, I'd like to thank Chairman Lee and the Board for permitting our lawyer, Dennis Murphy, to speak at the last ZBA hearing.

We, the residents, and Dennis have been most recently focused on the safety concerns surrounding the height waiver and length of the main dead-end road (or loop as it may be deemed) in the development, pertaining to fire safety code.

We reached out to Chief Bailey and Deputy Chief Barry and had a pleasant conversation where JoAnne Mulligan and I advocated for our residents and voiced our collaborative safety concerns.

I am writing today to ask permission from Chairman Lee and the Board for the following:

1. During the ZBA hearing scheduled for Monday, March 29th at 7pm, will you please allow public comments?
2. If permission for public comments is granted, will Chairman Lee please permit Dennis to direct questions about fire code to Chief Bailey and Deputy Chief Barry, if both agree to participate?
3. If permission for this line of questioning is permitted, will the Board please allow Ashley Clark or a representative of the ZBA to relay this information to me asap via email, as we need to prepare our questioning? We will also need communication provided to Chief Bailey and Deputy Chief Barry so they are aware permission is granted and they can plan accordingly if they agree to participate in the conversation.
4. If the hearing is *not* closed on Monday, March 29th, will Chairman Lee and the Board please grant permission for Chief Bailey and Deputy Chief Barry to meet with a fire protection engineer who we hire to discuss fire code further if they agree to participate in said conversation?

We are confident that the safety concerns pertaining to the height of the two six-story buildings, the density and location of this monstrosity and the layout of its roads will lead to a catastrophic event for the future residents of the proposed development.

We implore you to permit the above requests as we know that once the hearing is officially closed, we will have no more opportunities to present supporting evidence as to why this project needs to be greatly decreased in density, and not just by one floor per apartment building.

I know you received our resident petition, emailed this evening by Erica Burdon, with over 300 resident signatures supporting our request to fully deny the height waiver of the two six-story buildings. That is 343 residents who live in this neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods, who truly believe that fighting David Hale is worth the risk of him appealing to the HAC.

If the ZBA Board members deny the height waiver, and David Hale appeals to the HAC, we are prepared to move forward with the fight. We welcome this fight, as we will do everything in our power to protect our community. As we continue to prove week after week, we are strong, we are united, and we will not back down until our fight is won.

As always, we appreciate your time and consideration of our requests. If we all believe this project's density needs to be greatly decreased to ensure the safety of all residents affected, then let's work together and make it happen. You *must* take the first step to deny the height waiver for us to make the next move.

Help us, help our town. Help us, protect our town. Help us, safeguard the future families of South Walpole.

Sincerely,
Becky Litvak

